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**Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.  
Our Ref: 080437.52870US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a Continuation Application of pending International application No. PCT/EP02/04175 filed on April 16, 2002 of:

**Adolf FISCHER**

entitled:     **VALVE OPERATING DEVICE FOR AN INTERNAL  
COMBUSTION ENGINE**

Enclosed are:

1.  Application Data Sheet.
2.  Specification, including 10 claims (pages 1-9).
3.  1 Sheet of drawings showing Figs. 1-2.
4.  Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
5.  Assignment of the invention to Bayerische Motoren Werke AG.
6.  Benefit is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120 of pending PCT Application No. PCT/EP02/04175 filed on April 16, 2002.
7.  Information Disclosure Statement w/6 references.

Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 101 25 082.7 filed in Federal Republic of Germany on May 23, 2001.

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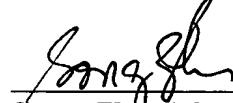


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Two checks, in the amount of \$770.00 for the filing fee and \$40.00 for the assignment recording fee, are enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #080437.52870US). **A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**

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